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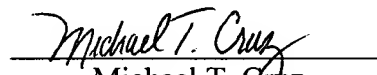
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DATA COMMUNICATION
SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 2634

Examiner: D.V. Ha

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- * copies of the seventeen (17) non-patent literature documents.

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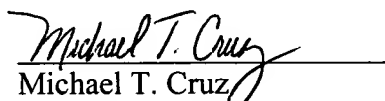
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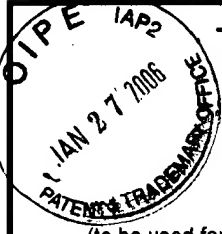
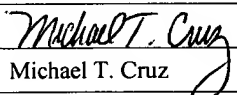
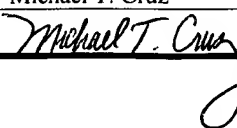
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